



**BOARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH
MEETING MINUTES FOR
September 24, 2004**

LOCATION: **Ramada Inn
Spokane International Airport
Washington Conference Room
PO Box 19230
Spokane, Washington 99219**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lesly Loiseau, A.U.D., Chair
Laurie Anderson, Vice Chair
Kimberly Coy
Lynn Byrne
Don Nelson
Penny Allen
Ken Pope

STAFF PRESENT: T. Diane Young, Deputy Executive Director
Ericka Brown, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Strachan, Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: John Baker, Washington Hearing Society
John Johnson, Spokane Falls Community College
Amy Lopes Wasson, SFCC
Jim Pollard, SFCC
Chantal Hammers, SFCC
Melissa Butterfield, SFCC
J. Thomas Rulon, MD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lesly Loiseau, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The May 21, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. PROGRAM REPORT

Diane Young provided an overview, explaining current revenue and expenditures for the Hearing and Speech July Interim Operating Report. Ms. Young stated the Department will be doing a fee study early next year. The program current balance looks healthy. The program balance is better than two years ago and some duties that were eliminated due to lack of funds may be reinstated.

Ericka Brown provided the Board with current licensing statistics. The current statistics show 285 licensed fitter/dispensers, 338 licensed audiologists, 6 audiology interim permit holders, 1162 licensed speech-language pathologists, 49 speech-language pathology interim permit holders.

Ms. Young provided the status of Board appointment applications. Ms. Young reported that applications have been submitted to the director's office to be forwarded for Governor appointment.

Ms. Young discussed Health Professions Quality Assurance Restructure. The legal unit and investigations unit will be combined into one section in the Department. Health Professions Quality Assurance is considering the possibility of centralizing functions within sections. This will help workload in areas where needed and require that managers in each section work together more.

3. COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynn Byrne reported that the disciplinary case load as of September 17, 2004 includes, 18 open cases; none of those cases in assessment, 12 cases are in investigations, and 6 cases are in disposition. The Board closed 8 cases from May 21, 2004 through September 17, 2004.

Case Disposition Decisions

2003-10-0002HA	closed after investigation, complainant withdrew
2004-03-0001HA	closed after investigation, insufficient evidence
2004-07-0003HA	closed after investigation, complainant withdrew
2004-07-0004HA	closed after investigation, complainant withdrew

4. RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Diane Young provided an update regarding the status of rules in process by the Board.

- A) New rule regarding hearing instrument fitter/dispenser two-year degree program approval-update regarding progress.

Ms. Young will forward the draft rule to Health Policy Services for assignment to economist to assist with Small Business Economic Impact and Significant Analysis. Ms. Young will continue to work through Rule Review and Comment process prior to scheduling for rules hearing.

- B) WAC 246-828-500,510,530,550 - Continuing Education.

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- C) Ms. Young stated program will set up workgroups in Olympia, Spokane, and Yakima to discuss possible amendments in WAC 246-828-045 Interim Permit. Interim Permit requirements, WAC 246-828-075 Student supervisors-Scope and definitions and 246-828-025 Definitions.

5. EXAMINATION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Diane Young provided an update on the status of DOH contract with International Institute of Hearing Instrument Studies. Ms. Young has sent a request to Scott Austin to come to a future Board meeting to discuss material on examination and answer any questions the Board has regarding the examination. The Board wants to verify that the examination material is reflecting the education and training being received in the Hearing Instrument Fitter/Dispenser two year degree level program.

Donald Nelson reported the examination/education committee approved one application that was presented with special verification of post graduate training for Speech Language Pathology licensure.

Mr. Nelson reported that program received a request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding regarding a interim permit extension denial. The board delegated final decision making for case number 2004-10-0002AI.

Diane Young discussed the status of the proposed interpretive statement as it relates to “direct” supervision. The board determined to continue the process to create an interpretive statement in conjunction with rules work group.

Mr. Nelson reported that at the June 15, 2004 examination, there were a total of 3 candidates who sat for the examination and all 3 candidates passed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- A) John Johnson at Spokane Falls Community College, Hearing Instrument Specialist Program gave an overview of Hearing Instrument Specialist Program at Spokane Falls Community College. Mr. Johnson has submitted a request for program review and approval of their distance learning curriculum/program as meeting the educational requirement of Washington State Hearing Instrument Fitter Dispenser licensure law.

The Board determined that the distance learning component of the Hearing Instrument Specialist Program at Spokane Falls Community College, is a mechanism that was previously approved by the Board, and therefore is approved. Ms. Young will send a letter to Mr. Johnson regarding the Board's assessment.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. OTHER ISSUES

Lesly Loiseau requested that the rules committee look at possibility of changing license renewal to a two year period.

Ken Pope requested at future board meetings there be an American Flag present.

The Board requested program staff send a letter to the Ramada thanking them for their wonderful service.

The 2005 meeting dates and locations are as follows:

February 4, 2005 – Olympia

May 6, 2005 – Spokane

August 5, 2005 – (In conjunction with Washington Hearing Society Meeting)

November 4, 2005 – Olympia

10. REVIEW OF MEETING

Ericka Brown reviewed Board decisions made at this meeting.

11. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting and Committee meetings are scheduled for November 5, 2004 in Olympia, Washington.

12. ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Recorder: _____
Ericka Brown, Administrative Assistant

Submitted by: _____
Diane Young, Deputy Executive Director

Approved by: _____
Lesly Loiseau, Chair

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